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1. The ~~chemical~~ ~~products~~ of the ~~chemical~~ plant in Ammendorf are soda lye, caustic soda and ~~other~~. In October 1954, the daily production quota for soda lye was 25 tons, actual production was 25 tons per day; the daily production of ~~caustic soda~~ kg, actual production was 250 to 2 ~~tons~~ tons. The daily production quota for caustic soda in October was ~~25 tons~~, the actual production was 30 tons.

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2. In 1954, the plant was to produce 5 million square meters of special film "Leimfilm" as a by-product. By 12 November 1954, 6,280,000 square meters of "Leimfilm" had been produced, mainly for export to ~~the~~ Hungary ~~the~~

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3. The plant was equipped with an alkaline chlorine electrolysis apparatus modelled after the Siemens-Billiter system and had a mercury cell plant. About 100 cells were in operation in the Siemens-Billiter plant. The total charge of the mercury cells allegedly was 18,000 to 19,000 amperes.

4. Chlorinated rubber which is used for the manufacture of lacquers is produced from natural rubber.

5. The electrochemical plant daily consumes from 80 to 100 tons of a saliferous brown coal in its steam plant.

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1. The three most important products of the VEB electrochemical plant in Ammendorf are soda lye, caustic soda and chlorinated rubber. In October 1954, the daily production quota for soda lye was 25 tons, actual production was 26 to 27 tons per day; the daily production quota for chlorinated rubber was 250 kg, actual production was 250 to 270 kg per day. The production quota for caustic soda in October was 28 tons, the actual production was 30 tons.
2. In 1954, the plant was to produce 5 million square meters of special film "Leinfilm" as a by-product. By 12 November 1954, 6,280,000 square meters of "Leinfilm" had been produced, mainly for export to Hungary.
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